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Cabinet Decides Not to Enter Into Neutralization Agreement.

OF CHINESE MINISTER WU.

News of Murder of German Minister is Confirmed.

Washington, July 2.—After 48 hours of consideration, and probably consulting the president at Canby, the cabinet officers do not ratify the agreement of articles providing for neutralization of Shanghai and the southern treaty ports submitted by the Chinese.

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DEATH TO BE FEARED.

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WASHINGTON OFFICIALS HOPEFUL.

They thought the Chinese had not been able to get the German minister out of the city.

The only crumb of comfort in these dispatches is that only one minister had been killed at the date of the telegram, and that they brought the others at Peking one day further along in safety. And from this crumb the officials here derive encouragement; for they believe, the diplomatic corps at Peking could not have been preserved through the fury of the first stages of the outbreak only to fall victims to a second thought. There is also at least the indication that the Chinese government itself was protecting them. On the other hand, the statement that the notoriously anti-foreign Prince Tuan was in complete control at Peking was regarded as an exceedingly grave development.

An ameliorating condition is the refusal of the great viceroys, themselves of almost absolute power in their provinces, to be controlled from Peking in their attitude toward foreigners. A high official of the state department said yesterday that there is nothing now to do but to follow out the course the department has already adopted—to have the United States consuls put themselves in communication with the viceroys of the provinces, treating the central government at Peking as incapacitated for administration work and meanwhile doing all in their power to protect the foreigners in their respective districts.

There is authority for the statement that our government feels that what must be done at once is to drive forward a relief force to Peking, regardless of the strength required. So far it has not been regarded as necessary to do more in the way of military preparations to this end than has been done, and consequently no further reinforcements have been ordered to Taku. There is much doubt here as to the sufficiency of the force now there to undertake the work. Admiral Kempff Saturday reported that 14,000 men of all arms were ashore, without stating definitely where they were. It is not known whether or not the second expedition directed against Peking has yet started from Taku or Tien Tsin.

OVATION FOR ROOSEVELT.

Rough Rider Governor Received at Kansas City.

Kansas City, July 2.—Roosevelt was given a remarkable reception on his arrival here this morning. For half an hour demonstrators and republicans alike united in giving him a vociferous welcome. The crush during the struggle to shake Roosevelt's hand was terrible. Several women fainted.

GEN. AQUINO SURRENDERS.

Washington, July 2.—MacArthur cables: "Gen. Aquino, prominent in the insurgent forces, surrendered unconditionally to First Lieut. O'Connell, with 64 rifles and ammunition. Gen. Riarte, leader of the threatened uprising in Manila during the year, was captured first by native police between Paco and Santa. The event has important relation to conditions in Manila."

PENNSYLVANIA WINS.

Poughkeepsie, July 2.—The "variety" 4-oared contest put over from Saturday on account of darkness was won by Pennsylvania, time, 10:31 1-5; Columbia second, time, 10:38. Cornell did not finish, the men at the end being in bad shape. The other crews were in fine condition.

RESCUE BOATS.

Grand Rapids, Mich., July 3.—The reservoir of the city waterworks system burst today, letting loose 100,000,000 gallons of water upon the thickly populated district, mostly workingmen, on the hillside beneath it. The damage is estimated at hundreds of thousands. Houses and barns were washed away and others badly wrecked. Mrs. William Cooper was badly injured, a number of others were slightly hurt.

UNION MINERS OUT.

Birmingham, Ala., July 2.—All union miners in Alabama, about 1,000,000, suspended work today.

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TRAGICALLY AWFUL

The Conflagration on the Docks of the German Lloyds at Hoboken.

HUNDREDS OF LIVES ARE LOST.

Climax of Terror and Despair Follows the Victims to Their Frightful Death—Horror That Is Soul-Sickening.

New York, July 2.—Divers and wreckers are still hard at work on the burned North German Lloyd steamers. The injured in the hospitals are reported doing well this morning, but several are not yet out of danger. At police headquarters in Hoboken this morning inquiries were made for 32 persons missing.

Up to 3 this afternoon 40 bodies were recovered from the waters of the river. Bodies are being picked up almost every half hour and at the turn of the tide this afternoon it is believed there will be many more bodies brought to the surface. Most of the bodies recovered are so blackened, shriveled and distorted that it is easily seen the dying must have suffered terrible agony.

New York, July 2.—The North German Lloyd Steamship company estimates the loss of life by Saturday's fire at 200. The company took the crew lists, checked off those members who are in hospitals or reported safe, and believes the others to be lost. Among the dead are a number of officers. The body of Captain Mirow, of the Saale, has been found, burned so as to be unrecognizable.

A number of Christian Endeavors were visiting the Saale, drawn by the interest taken in the boat because of her charter by the Boston Endeavors. Some of these visitors are reported lost.

Property loss is put at \$10,000,000. Spread with freighted cotton bales under pier No. 3 of the North German Lloyd Steamship company in Hoboken, N. J., at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon. In less than fifteen minutes the flames had reached an area of a quarter of a mile long, extending outward from the actual shore line to the bulk heads from

600 to 1,000 feet away, and had caught three great ocean liners and a dozen or more smaller harbor craft in its grasp. The number of lives lost is not certainly known. Hundreds were more or less injured and the hospitals in New York, Hoboken and Jersey City are crowded with them. The ocean liners were the Saale, Mainz and Bremen. Besides these the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse was damaged and had a close call, and the Hamburg-American line Phoenicia was also damaged.

Spectacle Witnessed by Thousands.

This spectacle was witnessed by thousands and thousands from both shores, and by other thousands who crowded upon every ferry boat, every excursion boat, upon every variety of river craft that could be secured for the purpose. The crowd upon the banks of the river was almost as great as that which formed to witness the triumphant return of Admiral Dewey. Looking up the river toward the burning ship and piers the scene was a wonderful and tragic one of grandeur.

Many Were Run Beside the Victims.

For hours the river was crowded with small boats hastening to the scene of disaster, or already taking part in the rescue of the hundreds who had leaped into the river when seized by the terror of the flames. These boats were paddled here and there, but soon their occupants had nothing to do but to watch the mad sweep of the flames. Those who had plunged into the water had been rescued or had gone to the bottom.

Hundreds of Lives in Peril.

There were hundreds of men on each of the destroyed steamships and some women. Crowds of dock laborers and also employees of the companies were on all the piers. Men, women and children were on the canal boats, and men on the barges and lighters, and when the fire made its quick descent upon them escape was cut off before they realized their awful position.

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Others Witnessed by Those.

The fire on the docks at Hoboken, N. J., was a tragedy of such magnitude that it is difficult to describe. The flames were so intense that they could be seen from the city of New York. The fire spread so rapidly that it was impossible to contain it. The loss of life was very great.

A New Campaign.

Judge Wilson of the Erie campaign button at Kansas City the other day. It is the form of a button leaf, says the New York Times. The inscription, strangely enough, is in gold letters, and is as follows:

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